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1. The government is beginning to pay more and more attention to the resistance movement among the Bulgarian people. In addition to the tricks and devious devices of the Darjavn Sigurnost and the militia, armed forces were sent into the Treian district, toward the end of Feb 1954. Their mission was to clean up what remained of an armed resistance group, operating in the vicinity. This group was devoting itself to sabotage. It was even trying to stir up the villagers against the state tax officials.
2. The government is taking severe steps, using the armed forces at this particular time, because it is afraid that, when spring comes, it will lose track of the anti-Communist partisans.
3. Other anti-Communist partisan activities have been reported in the province of Burgas. Still more terroristic action is being taken in this region. The reason for this is that there are a good many Soviet officials in this district. Hence any resistance here shows up the local Bulgarian Communist officials, in the eyes of their bosses from the USSR, in a very bad light.

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